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Hongkong, 9th January, 1896. [22]

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THE FORTNIGHTLY MORTALITY PREVALENT IN HONGKONG HAS ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF THE NEW MEDICAL OFFICE OF HEALTH, WHO PROPOSES AS A REMEDY THE REGISTRATION OF NATIVE DOCTORS AND MIDWIVES IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE THE PRACTICE OF THESE PROFESSIONS BY INCOMPETENT PERSONS.

The proposal, however, is attended with great practical
 difficulties. To begin with, every p.
 practicing at the time of the commission
 would be admitted to the register, only the
 subsequent addition of other names being
 made dependent upon proof of education and
 training. The improvement in the status
 and character of the native practitioners
 would, therefore, only be gradual and it
 would be many years before it had any
 visible effect. When medical registration
 was introduced in England the great
 majority of practitioners were duly qualified
 and the public recognised the value of their
 diplomas, so that the law was aimed only
 at the occasional intrusion of quacks who
 preyed upon the credulity and folly of the
 ignorant. The law, moreover, had the
 support of public opinion. In Hongkong
 the conditions are entirely different. There
 are practically no qualified native medical
 practitioners and the proposed law would
 be entirely foreign to Chinese public opinion.
 Dr. CLARK says that "no doubt there are
 many honourable, intelligent, and conscientious
 Chinese doctors practicing in Hongkong,"
 "but, which seems to us, rather higher
 praise for the profession than it deserves,
 for with the exception of the graduates of the
 Hongkong College of Medicine for Chinese
 and possibly one or two men, who have had
 experience in missionary hospitals there are
 no Chinese doctors who could pass an
 examination that would be recognised by
 a board of European doctors as a reasonable
 test of the most elementary knowledge
 of medical science. There are some more
 intelligent and better educated than others;
 they range from the common quack, quick
 to the men of education who have been
 specially trained, but the best are very
 inferior. The doctors of the Tung Wah
 Hospital, we believe, at the head of
 their profession in Hongkong and what
 estimation they are held in by European
 doctors has recently been shown in the
 discussion on the management of that
 institution. So great is their ignorance that
 the Government has deemed it necessary in
 order to obtain a correct registration of the
 names of the practitioners in the hospital
 to appoint a doctor trained in European
 medicine to conduct the registration. Dr.
 CLARK proposes that after the first compilation
 of the register of native medical practitioners
 the addition of other names should
 be made dependent upon "such proof of
 education and training as the Registrar
 General or the Sanitary Board, with the
 "advice possibly of a consulting Medical
 Board, may think fit to require." But
 neither the Government nor a Medical
 Board could in any way recognise as doctors
 men who know nothing whatever of medical
 science. In short, before a native medical
 register can be established we must have

men whose training enables them to register
 and, as yet only those who have studied
 under European doctors can be so placed.
 The first step, which we have repeatedly urged,
 should be to establish a register for these men
 and give them a recognised legal status. As
 their number increases and European medicine
 grows in repute amongst the native
 population it may become possible to legislate
 against quackery, but we have not
 arrived at that stage yet. To establish
 such a register as Dr. CLARK suggests
 would be to give legal recognition to
 charlatanism pure and simple. It is one
 thing to abstain from interference with
 native medical practitioners, as his hitherto
 been done; it would be quite another thing
 to legally recognise them and give them a
 certificate of the Government's approval.
 The regulation of midwives, however, would
 be a simpler matter than the regulation of
 the practice of medicine generally, and that
 branch of the subject might perhaps be
 dealt with at once. The very high
 mortality amongst newly born infants calls
 for the most serious attention and Dr.
 CLARK is to be congratulated on having
 brought the matter forward. It has been
 discussed before, but this is the first time,
 we believe, that any definite suggestion has
 been made with a view to bringing about
 an improvement.

The F. & O. steamer *Bombay* left Singapore
 yesterday morning at 4 a.m.

The Australian Lloyd's steamer *Gisela* left
 Kobe for this port yesterday at 4 a.m.

We learn that Mr. John Andrew is still at
 Wuchow and is likely to return in a
 fortnight.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Jaime*, from
 Antwerp and London, left Singapore yesterday
 morning, and may be expected here on or about
 the 10th inst.

To-morrow morning, between 9 and 10.30
 o'clock, the steam launch *Dunlop*, carrying the
 Debeli flag, will call alongside any vessel
 hoisting the answering pennant, to receive
 the crew of the *Jaime* (S.S. Co.)
 Church, returning about 12.30.

The Raub concession of the Malay Peninsula
 Prospecting Co., Limited, has been conveyed
 to the Government. The Bank
 Australia Gold Mining Company holds the
 concession direct from the Government of
 Pahang and is in no way affected by the
 cancellation.

A dance given by the ladies of Shamen to
 the Shamen community took place on Thursday
 night at the Assembly Rooms. Great taste
 and discretion were shown in the decoration
 of the room and the arrangements for the comfort
 of their guests by the charming hostesses, and
 all present enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

The Committee of the Hongkong Football
 Competition has drawn the competing teams
 for the first round of the competition as follows:
 H.M.S. Canton vs. The Hongkong Football
 Club. To be played on Thursday, 9th
 February, at 4.30 p.m.
 B. Company vs. R. B. A. To be played
 on Saturday, 8th February, at 4 p.m.
 The final match for the Cup to be played on
 a Saturday, 15th February, at 4 p.m.

At Hongkong on the 10th January a Mr. de
 Souza, of the J. de Souza & Co. Trading Co., shot
 Mr. Stephen James, a reporter on the *Shen*
Free Press, wounding him slightly in the leg.
 The occasion of the shooting was that Mr. de
 Souza suspected Mr. James of being concerned
 in the writing of certain anonymous letters that
 had been circulating about him. Mr. de Souza
 was taken to hospital and is recovering.

At Singapore a fatal accident occurred on
 board the P. & O. steamer *Brindley*. Two
 natives were engaged in closing the main hatch
 and, while so employed, a collision took place
 between the two, the hatchway, causing his
 companion to miss his footing and also fall
 through. The distance being about twenty
 feet, he fell about twenty feet, and was
 killed immediately. A search was made, but
 a verdict of accidental death was returned.

The West River party returned to Canton
 on Wednesday having accomplished the journey
 to Wuchow and back in the shortest time
 and with much shorter delay than was anticipated,
 considering that they had no tow and had to
 pole and track up against the current. The
 main difficulties and delays were, as was to be
 anticipated, in the shallow channel, the
 delta between Canton and Samshui, the place
 where the North and West Rivers meet and
 the head of the delta they then form.

At the Harbour Master's office yesterday
 the hearing was resumed of the charge of assault
 brought by a seaman named Flynn against
 W. Dornady, the master of the British ship
Highland Forest. The Harbour Master, who
 had been acting as a referee, had been
 ordered to accept of the case, and the
 complaint had been admitted. The case
 was continued to the 11th inst.

A curious affair, we learn from the *Free Press*,
 happened at the Hotel de Ville, Paris, on
 Saturday, the 29th evening. A fine large
 Australian horse belonging to Mr. Dunn, of
 Dunbar, Co., took suddenly ill, broke down,
 and bolted into an adjoining street, where
 it was a great nuisance, breaking through the
 door, carrying away the door posts, and
 turning sharp to the left, jumped itself and
 fast into a narrow passage between two brick
 buildings, where it died shortly afterwards, and
 where it could be seen lying in a pool of blood,
 and it is possible that a part of the
 wall may have been broken down. The
 animal, which was a fine specimen of the
 breed, was brought to the Hotel de Ville
 only three days previously and had not been
 used by its new owner.

In former years the laws in Netherlands
 India were such that masters, mates, and
 engineers with foreign birth were not
 allowed to hold Dutch vessels registered
 in Netherlands India. Now laws have been
 passed making it compulsory for masters, mates,
 and engineers on board of Dutch vessels
 registered in Netherlands India to have Dutch
 diplomas. The laws in question make, however,
 an exception in the case of those who, previous
 to 14th February, 1894, served as masters and
 mates, and those who served as mates and
 engineers on board Dutch vessels registered
 in Netherlands India. Such masters, mates,
 and engineers, who have been able to prove
 their previous service as above stated, have been
 granted certificates entitling them to serve in
 Dutch vessels, and in which they served
 before. *—Globe Times.*

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We understand that the property known as
 "Walton," at the Peak, which was put up
 for auction on Thursday and withdrawn, has
 been sold by private treaty.

The steamer *Barclay*, from Liverpool and
 Spanish ports, left for this port on the
 evening of the 30th January and may be ex-
 pected here to-morrow morning.

The twelfth International Medical Congress
 will be held at Moscow between the 10th and
 26th August (new style) next year, and the
 programme of the Congress will be published by
 the St. Petersburg High School of Medicine.

Under the new survey of the Moscovites
 Maritimes there will be a direct steamer
 service to the East coast of Africa, which
 will run alternately with a steamer from
 Bombay, connection with the latter being made
 at Colombo with the Australian steamer. The
 service will be a fortnightly one, and the
 programme of the Congress will be published by
 the St. Petersburg High School of Medicine.

A cricket match will be played to-day,
 commencing at eleven o'clock, between the
 "University" and "Public Schools" teams. The
 match will be played for their respective sides—
 Universities and Public Schools.

THE WORLD.
 A. Anderson
 J. A. Lawson
 T. S. Smith
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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.
 [REDACTED]

GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY.
 [REDACTED]

RUSSIA AND TURKEY.
 [REDACTED]

**LORD HAMILTON ON THE
 SITUATION.**
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CLAIM AGAINST THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.
 [REDACTED]

The CHAIRMAN—That in all the business
 and financial matters of the Company, the
 shareholders will agree with me that we
 should express our thanks to the Board of
 Directors and staff who have so ably
 managed the affairs of the Company during
 the past year. (Applauded.)

The CHAIRMAN—I have to thank you,
 Mr. T. S. Smith, for the vote of thanks
 which you have so ably presented for the
 services of the Company during the past year.
 The dividend warrants will be ready
 for distribution to-morrow at ten o'clock.

**CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO.
 LIMITED.**
 [REDACTED]

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.
 [REDACTED]

**VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB
 CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF
 COMPETITION.**
 [REDACTED]

NUMEROUS SPEECHES BY THE GOVERNOR.
 [REDACTED]

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.
 [REDACTED]

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